

DISORDER

at the border
by executive order

House Homeland Security Republicans, led by Ranking Member Katko, have consistently sounded the alarm on how misguided Biden Administration actions are causing a crisis at the southwest border. These actions continue to have detrimental effects on our immigration system, border security, public health, and rule of law.

Call It A Crisis

- CBP is currently encountering more than **3,000 individuals per day**. Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland Security under President Obama, said at the time that 1,000 encounters per day was “a **bad number**.”

FEB. 2020 ENCOUNTERS

36,687

FEB. 2021 ENCOUNTERS

100,441

- In February 2021, CBP encountered the **highest number of migrants** recorded in the month of February in over seven years:
 - **100,441** migrants along the southwest border
 - **28% increase** from January 2021
 - **173% increase** compared to February 2020
 - **163% increase** in family units from January 2021
 - **61% increase** in unaccompanied child from January 2021

Untenable Situation

- Hundreds of border patrol agents are being **diverted** from interior drug checkpoints and the northern and coastal borders to respond to this surge.
- DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas asked for **volunteers** to help manage the “**overwhelming**” number of migrants at the border.
- CBP is projecting a peak of **13,000 unaccompanied children** crossing the border per month by May.
- As HHS facilities **reach capacity**, the average time in CBP custody for unaccompanied migrant children **continues to rise**. These migrant children must remain in CBP custody until HHS is able to accept them for placement.
- HHS has already opened **influx facilities** and is reviewing DOD and NASA-owned facilities for **potential overflow** of unaccompanied migrant children.

Politically Motivated & Counterproductive Policy

- In a dangerous shift toward open borders, the Biden Administration has:
 - Halted **border wall construction**, including projects already funded through bipartisan appropriations.
 - Implemented **lax immigration enforcement** policies.
 - Implemented “**catch and release**” policies allowing migrants to flow into American communities amidst a pandemic.
 - Eliminated the effective “**Remain in Mexico**” policy.
 - Cancelled asylum cooperative agreements with our Central American partners.

